

Public Input Invited On New Comprehensive Plan For Des Plaines - Journal and Topics Online: News

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Des Plaines is moving forward with an overhaul of its decade-old comprehensive plan.

Residents have a chance to peek into the ongoing project during an open house tomorrow (Wednesday) from 6 to 8 p.m. at the downtown Des Plaines Public Library.

Attendees are invited to ask questions to provide input for representatives from the city and CMAP. Des Plaines residents, business owners and city stakeholders such as park district employees are welcome to attend the free event, and can drop in at any time.

Senior Planner Johanna Bye told the Journal & Topics the city hasn't updated its comprehensive plan since 2007.

"That was the height of the recession, so a lot has changed in the city since then," she said.

In 2015, Des Plaines reached out to the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning to provide project funding, according to Bye. CMAP has provided \$96,000 for the project, with a 20% match of \$24,000 from Des Plaines. Recently, the agency finished compiling the "existing conditions" portion of the project.

"The Des Plaines comprehensive plan will set forth the vision, goals, and objectives of the city over the next 10 years," said city Media Director Linda DeTomas. It will cover everything from land use to transportation, Bye added.